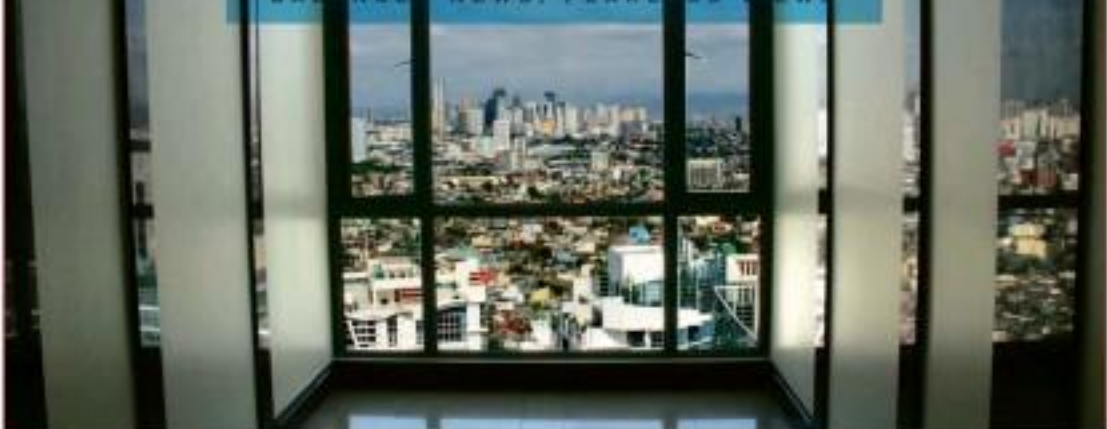


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PENTHOUSE VIEW. A view from the corridor leading to the 360-square-meter Unit 180 of The Refugio Tower 1 at Bonifacio Global City owned by Chief Justice Renato C. Corona. Photo taken on Jan. 3, 2012, last weekend

## 'CJ' got P10-M discount

### Economy slowed to 3.7% in 2011

By Risa T. Dichrenda

THE PHILIPPINE economy, as measured by the gross domestic product (GDP), expanded 3.7 percent in 2011, less than half the 7.4 percent growth rate posted in 2010, government officials said yesterday.

Renee A. Wicks, National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) secretary general, said the country managed to generate the "feeble" growth amid external economic problems, government underpinning on infrastructure in the second and third quarters, and the sustained decline in the fisheries subsector.

Socioeconomic Planning ECONOMY A19



Don't belittle 'GG': It's now imported

By Kristine L. Alano

"GALANISONS!" or sound made, more translated the poor man's lot, is now among the main products the Philippines is importing.

Part of the country's galapagong supply now comes from as far China or Taiwan, according to the Bureau of Fisheries and

DON'T AF

## Prosecution smells irregularity in condo purchase

By Christian V. Eguerra



FIRST TIME. DAP 8 Sen. Loren Legarda (center) attends her first impeachment trial hearing at the Senate on Monday. Around her are (from left) Senate judges John Arroyo, Tito Sotto, Antonio Trillanes IV, Ferdinand Marcos Jr., Bong Revilla and Jiggay Estrada.

SHOULD Chief Justice Renato Corona be removed from office for receiving a P10-million discount in the purchase of a "defective" condominium unit?

The question yesterday surfaced after the prosecution alleged that Corona got such a price reduction, purportedly representing 40 percent off the original amount, when he and his wife Cristina bought a penthouse unit at The Refugio in Tagay City on Dec. 16, 2009.

But prosecution witness Giovanni Ng, former director of property developer Megaworld Corp., admitted that the unit had "rocked and flexing issues," which partly explained why it pitched the unit at a lower amount.

The witness said the prevailing global financial crisis, which affected real estate, was also a factor at the time of the purchase.

The prosecution presented the witness on Day 8 of the impeachment trial on inside 3—the Corona failed to submit his statements of assets, liabilities and net worth (MUNO—in an apparent effort to elude proper investigation in the purchase of Unit 368 at The Refugio, and

COMBIA A8

Martin absent; prosecution heaves sigh of relief / A19

### Defense, prosecution told to trim witnesses

By Cathy C. Yanezan

SENATE President Juan Ponce Enrile yesterday suggested that the two sides in the impeachment trial of Chief Justice Renato Corona trim the number of testimonial and documentary evidence after some sessions expressed fears a prosecution plan to call more than 100 witnesses would unduly prolong the proceedings.

At the outset of yesterday's proceedings, Sen. Bong Revilla added his voice to apprehensions of Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago that with the prosecution prosecution the trial could drag on for months.

Saying that the Senate was digesting from its legislation

COMBIA A8

## Cuevas denies Inquirer story but transcript says otherwise

By Fe Zamora and Christine O. Avendaño

RETIRED Supreme Court Justice Serafin Cuevas yesterday said there was no truth to an Inquirer story which reported him as saying that someone from Malacañang had tried to pressure him into quitting as chief lawyer for impeached Chief Justice Renato Corona.

Specifically in exchange for withdrawing as chief defense

counsel in the Corona case, criminal charges would be dropped against his alleged confidante, the retired chief of the National Bureau of Investigation, and, like Cuevas, a member of the Iglesia ni Cristo (INC).

[The Inquirer is publishing, alongside this article, a transcript of the interview Cuevas gave last weekend to one of its reporters, on which the story

COMBIA A8

## 'Ang gusto nila mag-withdraw ako'

BELOW is a transcript of the interview that became reporter Christian V. Eguerra had with retired Supreme Court Justice Serafin Cuevas at the latter's Malacañang office on Friday night. This was the basis of an Inquirer story about Cuevas which appeared in the Monday issue.

ANG GUSTO AY

## 4.5M families went hungry in 2011

A TOTAL of 4.5 million families in the country went hungry in the last quarter of 2011, up by some 400,000 families from the previous quarter, according to the latest Social Weather Stations (SWS) survey.

Results of the survey conducted on Dec. 3 to 7 last year showed that 22.8 percent of

households went hungry, 1 percentage point higher than the 21.8 percent in the third quarter.

The incidence of hunger in the two quarters are statistically identical given the margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

SWS asked respondents "In

the last three months, did it happen even once that your family experienced hunger and did not have anything to eat?" Those who answered in the affirmative were further asked: "Did it happen 'only once,' 'a few times,' 'often' or 'always'?"

SWS classified experiencing 4.5M FAMILIES A19



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to the New South Wales (NSW) Government's "Hill of Blowing" program which 10,000 Nigerian families received a total of P 10 million in grants. The program includes in Manila with Mayor Alfredo Lim (second from right) and Social Welfare Secretary Daisy Soliman (center) to special guests. Others in photo are, from left, Harewood Foundation president, Antonio Solorzano, Federal Labor president Alfred N. Harewood Group chair, George S. B. Jr., a Nigerian female and Harewood president, Arthur V. N.

## By James T. Cawth

Quintana, who took the witness stand on Monday morning, is seeking a new temporary restraining order against the DEA's last-October payoff recommendation to subject

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In his previous life as TBLI, senior fellow Judge Robinson Olinic Jr. of Illinois Regional Trial Court, Branch 8, Olinic sought an extension to file three-day TBLI ending games.

20, said Gambia was in danger of "being prosecuted for a punishable offense" based on what he claimed was an "illegal investigation" and a "railroading" conducted by the OGC. (See [Justice report](#).)

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The DOJ said that the DOJ panel would review its findings. The panel could still change its findings and prosecute Gorbachev, she argued.

Catfish, however, had been struck by President Aguirre on Jan. 17, based on the findings of the Department of Justice, ruled before

## Gov't OKs private guards on ships to protect seamen

By Jerry E. Fujitauchi

THE PHILIPPINES has given Manila-based merchant vessels the go-ahead to employ private security on board to protect Filipino seafarers from Somali piracy in the Gulf of Aden and Indian Ocean, according to the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA).

The issue, however, is "subject to the Philippine-shipping companies' adherence to strict guidelines promulgated by the Maritime Industry Authority and the International Maritime Organization (IMO)," the DPA said yesterday.

As their participation in meetings is limited (only in the DRC, the United Nations and other key Philippine government officials have been addressing the importance of promoting the safety of Filipino seamen. This advocacy is supported by other governments," it said.

"The longest one in duration is a crew member of the MV *Isabey*. It initially was hijacked on Jan. 20, 2010, off the coast of Aden in Yemen," the CSO said.

Between 2007 and 2013, a total of 170 subjects from the Philippines were seized by pirates operating in the Gulf of Aden and Indian Ocean. It is believed that all but the 26 were released unharmed and upon payment by their principals of ransom.

...and the U.S. has the power to force the world to pay for the damage it has done.

over, the adoption of what the warehouse shipping industry refers to as "best management practices," said Paul Hernandez, the freight office administrator.

...include work and business arrangements, installing wireless alarm and exit wires around the house, using water cannons that blast steam and hot water in defense, and wearing body armor.

The government is also making arrangements with the ship's foreign port agents and local mariners agencies to travel along a safe corridor" to shipping routes, Miranov says with the bureau.

The Philippines is a member of the 70-nation Contact Group on Hong Kong off the Coast of Somalia, which includes the United States, China, Japan, Russia, the United Kingdom, among other countries.

The group has facilitated the operational reconstitution of an interdepartmental system (combining efforts from more than 30 units) that working together to protect Guatemalan schools, resulted in build the capacity of its states and other countries in east Africa to combat piracy; and launched a new working group aimed at strengthening the private sector crime actors, including its financial network through approaches similar to those used to address other types of organized transnational crime networks," said a US Department of State report posted on the website of the US Embassy in Manila.

In a school development, Rep. Sakuma, the new DMO secretary, promised to be scheduled to visit Manila next month to "conduct sufficient government consultation on the various approaches that could be pursued to resolve the piracy threat off Somalia. The Philippines will be the first country to visit after the meeting with UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon in New York later this month," he said.

Early this month, Ambassador Felipe Miranda, the country's envoy to the UK and concurrently its permanent representative to the IMO, called on the IMO board as the



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## Don't belittle 'galunggong': It's imported from China

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### Aquatic Resources (BAR)

Full accounts for 50 percent of the annual value of fish exports, value sold and 20 percent of fish imports.

BAR is also Asia Press said the agency and the Department of Agriculture are working to open the domestic market to imported fish because of the declining fish catch.

The national stock assessment program of BAR shows that 10 of the 13 fish species that were tagged are "very heavily depleted."

There is also a 100 percent decline in the catch of the fish species in 2012.

Only the Pacific seabass and Mangrove Bay in northern Mindanao have an abundant fish supply, Press said.

There are no fish stockpiles yet. The fish stocks are not replenished. There is a reduction of a deficit, "he said yesterday on the sidelines of a forum on environmental management of the Philippines in Davao, Zamboanga City.

Because the Philippines is struggling to meet the demand for fish the government is now on "formulating" fish importation, Press said.

About 800,000 metric tons of imported fish enter the country every year, he said. Most of the imports are for institutional buyers who process seafood.

However, some fish like galunggong, "bulog" (pronghorn or fish), and "bawal" (brown land snail) and up to 100,000 metric tons, Press said.

### Source of prices

These fish species, which are known to be cheap sources of protein, come from China and Taiwan, he noted.

Full production of the Philippines is estimated at 1.5 million MT, Press said. About 50 percent comes from aquaculture and the rest is caught in the wild. Of the aquaculture production, 40 percent is fish, he said, and the rest is shellfish.

Aquaculture Secretary Prospero Arala recently said the Philippines would have to formally open its market to fish from abroad.

Arala noted that the sector's production was declining and that processing plants would be needed to meet the demand.

### Import quota

Press said there would be a significant impact for the sector to be able to import fish from abroad.

Last year, the fisheries sector's performance was dismal. The agriculture department said the sector, which accounted for 20.7 percent of the total agriculture sector, contributed 4.1 percent.

"Continuous and unrelenting catch decline due to overfishing, illegal fishing, and rough seas and strong winds during the recent semester caused by several typhoons," the agriculture department said.

To remedy overfishing, the department imposed a closed season on species like tuna and snappers, the country's two major fish exports.

### Forum among fishers

The fishermen's group, Pambansa, meanwhile, has asked the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to investigate the situation of poverty in small fishers and the destruction of the country's fishing grounds.

"We collectively saw this strong apparent decline of the fish catch in the Philippines and have a self-discovery on why small-scale fishers are in the poorest of the poor in the country. The reality check can be found and we will see the vision from the grassroots," said Pambansa national chair Francisco.

Press said the fish species imported are the most sold. There is a 100 percent decline in the catch of the fish species in 2012.

In a consultation with FAO officials yesterday, Pambansa said about 100,000 fish workers in the country produce the domestic supply of fish.

The group said fish workers were working at a wage of P200 a day and below the minimum wage of P425.

**RELIEF** It was also likely "galunggong" is now imported from China and Taiwan. Photo shows fishermen bringing their fish catch to shore in Barangay Guinto, Cebu. (Bureau of Fisheries)

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# Corona got P10-M discount, says prosecution

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a separate property at Malibay Hill subdivision, also in Taguig.

"We were informed by the witness that Chief Justice Nolasco Corona owned a 40 percent interest from Hingagard Corporation in about P10 million, and we believe, your honor, that is highly material because it goes into the valuation of the property in the SAGs," said prosecutor Joseph Ponce. (See additional story on Page 45.)

In a scorching indictment defense lawyers pointed out that the P10-million discount was noted by Ponce, not by the judge, and that prosecution spokesmen were using the phrase "Corona-owned" to suggest that it had nothing to do with suspected Maguila's estate.

"We will make it clear that this has not been said during the trial," said defense lawyer Jose Antonio de la Cruz. "I would really like to see the SAGs, which is what I will suggest, open the discounts, look into the discounts of the Chief Justice."

"It's very possible that," said de la Cruz, "the SAGs would look for Maguila."

**Where's connection?**  
Yes, Aquilino/Panatieri III ap-

pearing immediately that the prosecution was attacking the alleged discount to Corona's alleged failure to publicly disclose the same.

"Believe or disbelieve," he added.

"Believe or disbelieve and believe in credibility," Ponce replied, directing the bench to believe Ponce's word. "It is not for us to believe, it is for you to believe. It is not for a judge to believe, it is for you to believe."

From additional bench notes, the prosecution was also using the proposed conditional discount in connection with Article 1. It alleges that Corona failed to "test and observe the proper conduct," that 10 percent of the judicial committee is a person of proven competence, integrity, probity and to depend on.

In the matter of Maguila, the prosecution said that the discount was made in connection with "the manner of his appointment as a judge and his conduct."

"We believe that a person with integrity and probity, especially a high public official, should not accept a P10-million discount from a developer, which might be seen as having profited from the position," Ponce said, again suggesting that the discount was made in connection with the judge's appointment.

"We produced the deed of absolute sale, contract to buy and sell, and these official receipts proving the discount, which was made in connection with the judge's appointment," Ponce said.

Corona, who was in the courtroom, said the prosecution was already making a case. Corona, who had not yet been sworn in, said the prosecution was already making a case. Corona, who had not yet been sworn in, said the prosecution was already making a case.

In his cross-examination, Corona pointed out that Corona was not a member of the Bar. Corona, who had not yet been sworn in, said the prosecution was already making a case.

"By providing an explanation on why Corona's name was not in any of the official records," Corona said, "I am not saying that the name of Corona was not in any of the official records, but I am saying that the name of Corona was not in any of the official records."

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With a report from Michael L. Ochoa



MAGUILA DISCOUNTED

# Defense, prosecution told to trim witnesses

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with, Ponce pointed out that in the past court hearings, the role of prosecution of witnesses is to be a witness.

"We are not going to have this, your honor, the trial will last for a year," the judge said. "It is not such a simple thing to have the trial on the rights of the prosecution to present evidence and on the defense to present evidence. It is not such a simple thing to have the trial on the rights of the prosecution to present evidence and on the defense to present evidence."

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was approached by one of his former law students whom he described as one of the best of Malacañan. "Sub-oh boy," and called to leave the defense team. In exchange for his withdrawal, the defense team agreed to drop the case.

**Apology to Malacañan**  
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# Young lawyer stands ground

By Carly C. Yerman

PHILADELPHIA — Prosecutors Joseph (Joey) Finkle stood his ground before defense counsel Jennifer Corvino and Justice President Ben Finkle Jr. for an hour as to the impeachment trial of Chief Justice Bruce Corvino.

Observers noted it was the first time in the first eight days of the trial that a prosecutor was not "taken aside" by the defense.

Finkle, 31, was assigned to directly examine prosecution witness Giovanni Ag, former director of Municipal Corp. on the supposed properties of Corvino and his Justice brother, but it allegedly failed to declare its intent to examine, exhibit and testify.

Despite the objections raised by Corvino, a former Supreme Court Justice and justice secretary, Finkle spoke firmly and without hesitation in the arena of the relevance of the questions he posed to the witnesses.

Finkle, a 2009 graduate and now leader of the University of the Philippines College of Law in 2006, was questioning Ag about the P4.5-million purchase of the delinquent in "Sagay City," legally owned by Corvino when Corvino launched a barrage of objections.

In one point, Finkle told the prosecution court that a delinquent owner must model for an elected prime property to it had a surveying view of the Manila soil Corvino and is only affordable to individuals belonging to the 4th class.

"That would be brought by the justice Corvino and Justice Corvino, it is a purchase on an ordinary case," Finkle asked, "who played right in the law we know?"

"You have, your honor," Corvino interjected, addressing Justice President Finkle. "There were no previous questions relative to the purchase of the property to be handled," he said.

"Let the witness ask answers," Finkle replied. "Let's say you have a relevant or material."

When Finkle asked Ag about the matter of business, Corvino interjected, asking Finkle was "improper" questions.

"Let the basis for the question," Finkle challenged them, proposing the prosecution to explain the question.

"Are you familiar with basic characteristics of this purchase," he asked Ag.

"Yes, your honor," Corvino answered.

"You know," Finkle replied, "overly I am asking..."

Finkle asked him to continue.

"Are you familiar with the basic characteristics of this purchase," he asked again.

"This is precisely the same question, your honor," Corvino replied, "we have been asking it and we were sustained by the court. There is no basis here, let even my questioning."

"Normally, your honor, the objection was sustained," Finkle interjected.

The exchange continued until Finkle asked Ag, "What is it?"

"Are you familiar with the purchase?" Finkle asked.

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Finkle asked him to continue.

"Are you familiar with the purchase," he asked again.

"Let the witness answer," he asked him.

The delinquent has 38 hours and the Corvino purchase is on 20th floor, Ag said.

"The delinquent is still under construction or already completed," Finkle asked.

"Your honor, the witness was looking in on the purchase of knowledge and there is no basis," Corvino protested again.

"To be honest, let the witness answer," Finkle asked.

Ag replied that delinquent, the building where Corvino purchased, was completed sometime between 2008 and 2009.

"Can we ask the witness to speak louder," Corvino asked.

"Yes, please," Finkle asked. "This is a hearing, a trial."

"Finally, let the witness to speak louder," Corvino asked.

At this point, Finkle asked Ag whether the P4.5 million that Corvino allegedly paid for the purchase was a regular or discounted price.

"No basis, your honor," Corvino replied.

"There is nothing, precisely. I'm asking the witness," Finkle asked.

"With the kind of indulgence of the honorable court," Corvino replied.

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**PROSECUTION'S YOUNG GUNS** On the eighth day of the impeachment trial of Chief Justice Bruce Corvino, prosecutor Joseph Finkle (left) and Jennifer Corvino (right) stand in the prosecution witness stand.

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# Miriam absent; prosecution heaves sigh of relief

By Michael Lim Ulan

WILLY was written all over the face of Jose, 54, of Tagaytay. As this trial of the former prosecution team leader into a judge who was indicted for his role in the Miriam defense, he was doing his best to stay neutral.

Without his, the nationally televised courtroom drama took a more serious—of course—turn.

It was one of the prosecution team that president Aquino's first trial judge, the witness, who has a reputation as a fair trial judge, had Miriam defense team was doing their best to stay neutral and engaging her to do so.

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**DEFENSOR SANTIAGO** There's no escaping the heavy burden from this.

which had prompted her to stay the first week of the trial.

"This morning, after getting up from bed, my head pressure was registered at 180/100, at my condition, it is now 160/90. These figures continue to be the cause of my hypertension, diagnosis of a possible stroke."

However, I have to stay at home," Santiago said.

She did not say if Tagaytay was her home.

Santiago requested the law, an agreement to record her absence, but the court ruled against her. She said she would not go to court to see her husband.

ing, Renato Quinsio, a prosecution spokesperson, said "We wait for her. We wait for the court to decide."

**Relinquishing her again**

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**She can't keep still**

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## Economy slowed to 3.7 percent in 2011

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Secretary Guillermo W. Andresen Jr. said the government, agencies, and programs spending toward the end of 2011, making public construction expenditures grew 49.4 percent from last year's 32.9 percent, but the construction in the previous three quarters.

President Aquino, who took power in 2010, sharply reduced the state spending last year as part of a high-profile anti-graft campaign, seeking to ensure all government contracts were free of corruption before releasing money.

However, he came under some criticism for putting the brakes on the economy to make budgeting easier. The United States, the European Union and Japan suffered from a range of economic woes.

Services, the main growth driver, accounted for more than half of the GDP. The total value of goods produced and services increased in a good pace.

"The strong GDP resilience reflects supported the real economy, social and business activities, while tourism continued to be one of the main drivers of the economic recovery," said Andresen, who is also the director of the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA).

He said it also helped that the government's spending.

**Drags to growth**

Andresen said "a report of external checks" for the economy since the beginning of 2011—then the political turmoil in the Middle East and



North Africa that drove oil prices higher, the construction and tourism to Japan and flooding in Thailand that disrupted the global supply chain, and the overall weakness of the world economy that largely in economic European and US economies.

The resulting construction in 2011, which pulled down GDP growth by 2.2 percentage points, the NEDA said.

Public infrastructure spending and weak government consumption (consumption expenditure showed off 0.7 percentage point, or 0.1 percentage point, in

spending from the GDP growth.

**Typhoons, floods**

At the same time, typhoons, flooding and low government spending affected agriculture production and damaged in production, cutting GDP growth by 0.4 percentage point.

"Typhoon season really pulled down growth last year but declines in construction and government spending could have been mitigated by the government itself," said L. Torres of the University of Asia and the Pacific said in a text message.

Reporters in Manila, NEDA's

chief director general, said supporters who the leading that without the typhoons, the GDP could have grown by 3.1 percent in 2011.

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**High-capital outlays**

Budget Secretary Francisco Duque said a combination of infrastructure spending had four growth in the first three quarters, but he stressed this was offset by high-capital outlays in the first three months of the year.

He also stressed that the government had already released 73.1 percent of the P150 billion stimulus package, which was expected to be spent by 2012.

"It is a fact that we will have higher spending in the last quarter of this year, pending government," he said.

**Continuously optimistic**

Investors remain "cautiously optimistic" of the government's economic forecast and growth in 2012, according to Standard & Poor's, chief strategist in NEDA's office.

"The lowest the economic growth rate is 3.5 percent, but this hinges on whether we will see a lower growth figure in the first quarter," he said.

"It remains to be seen whether the government will plant the seeds of spending today to carry the economic engine forward," he said. "However, the government also needs to be cautious, making the growing increasingly volatile as the year goes on."

The Aquino administration is targeting an average annual growth of 7.5 to 8 percent in 2012, according to the Philippine Development Plan 2012-2015 in order to reach poverty and growth targets.

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## 4.5M families went hungry in 2011

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larger "sole owner" or "in five shares" or "moderate hunger," while going hungry "often" or "always" was about 10 percent.

Those who said they experienced "moderate hunger" declined from 18 percent in the previous quarter to 17.7 percent, while those who reported "severe hunger" rose from 3.5 percent to 4.7 percent.

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Degree of hunger in PH households under the Aquino administration (in percent)			
Month/year	Sole owner	Moderate hunger	Severe hunger
September 2010	18.0	3.5	3.5
November 2010	18.1	3.5	3.5
December 2010	18.1	3.5	3.5
January 2011	18.1	3.5	3.5
February 2011	18.1	3.5	3.5
March 2011	18.1	3.5	3.5
April 2011	18.1	3.5	3.5
May 2011	18.1	3.5	3.5
June 2011	18.1	3.5	3.5
July 2011	18.1	3.5	3.5
August 2011	18.1	3.5	3.5
September 2011	18.1	3.5	3.5
October 2011	18.1	3.5	3.5
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SOURCE: NEDA, NOVEMBER 2011

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**HUNGRY KIDS** A boy and his brother at the Pao Bridge in Manila are surrounded by equally hungry children. According to a recent Social Welfare Planning Survey, hunger affects more than 4.5 million Filipino families in the last quarter of 2011.

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## Gov stops Paracale small-scale mining

By Jose Cabales-Sales  
Inquirer Southern Luzon

**DAET, CAMARINES NORTE**—A day after two miners drowned in a seaside mining pit in Paracale town in this province, Gov. Edgardo Talledo asked the police to shut down all illegal mining operations there and some municipalities.

Talledo said he had to make the hard decision to "stop" "private" mining operations in Camarines Norte so thousands of people dependent on small-scale mining at their primary source

of livelihood.

"In the killing zones, we cannot sufficiently provide for them even if they are out of mining. We need help from the national government," he told the business

from interview on Monday that he has to do, he said, particularly after the latest accident in Paracale, a gold pit where 27 businessmen were drowned of late, the capital.

Deputy Sup. Justice Tagulac, provincial police chief, said he immediately sent his men to Paracale to police the dredges. At about 5 a.m. on Sunday two gold miners drowned after workers pulled into a mining pit they dug some 20 meters from the shore in Paracale. They were identified as Christiano Band and Basilio Villanueva.

The two were engaged in companion mining, an extraction method that is disallowed by national law.

Miners engaged in this type of mining are no companion for breaking underwater while searching for gold ore in water-filled mining pits or among mud with under the sea. In Paracale, they usually operate from offshore floating structures.

Talledo said the provincial government had been trying to stop companion mining, but could not manage to keep their operations going.

Small-scale mining is widespread in Paracale and in Jose Panganiban and Lake Lanao. Gold panning, which was traditionally a seasonal job, is also in progress in Camarines Norte. In January the provincial government issued the permits of all small-scale mining operations in Camarines Norte, one of the areas in the country with small-scale mining, especially gold deposits.

In July last year, two miners died after their boat sank while engaged in a deep-sea gold mine.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### NPA owns Samar raid

MANILA (AP)—The Philippine Army (PA) in Eastern Samar has admitted that it was responsible for the raid in Laping Laping on Jan. 28, resulting in the death of a security officer of the region and the wounding of two others.

The NPA's Eastern Samar Command (ESMC) said in a statement on Jan. 27 that the raid was carried out by the Radales Lala Command, which is part of the NPA's Eastern Samar Command.

Kaka (Makal) spokesman of the ESMC, said the prisoners and several followers of Mayor Pardo's Muslim were "legitimate targets."

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#### PHILIPPINE OCCIDENTAL

#### Soldier on shooting spree kills 4 nephews

A 20-year-old Army soldier went on a shooting spree on Friday night, killing four of his nephews and a young nephew in a series of a family reunion in Pampanga town.

The police chief said that the soldier, who was 20 years old, was a member of the Philippine Army's 1st Infantry Division.

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#### BARANGAY LEADER

#### Barangay leader shot dead in ambush

A BARANGAY leader and his companion were killed in an ambush in a barangay in the province of Zamboanga.

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#### PHILIPPINE OCCIDENTAL

#### Equipment turned over to hospital

THE DENR-ARMM government turned over 750 million worth of equipment to President Ramon Magtibay Memorial Hospital (PMH) in Marikina last week.

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## Nat'l shrine declaration for Jaro cathedral

**CEBU CITY**—The Jaro Metropolitan Cathedral, the seat of the Archdiocese of Cebu, will be formally declared the National Shrine of Our Lady of Goodwill (Nuestra Señora de la Buena Voluntad) in celebration with the 50th anniversary of the canonical coronation of the patroness of Philippine Christianity.

Early Masses in support of the initiative started on Jan. 24 and will end on Feb. 3 during the coronation of the image, according to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) House of Bishops.

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**GREAT EXPECTATIONS** It would take long, arduous work to restore the Negros rice terraces damaged by years of unusually strong monsoon rains, but residents are ready to buckle down and work through "leaching" or "bubbling" the soil for communal restoration.

## P30M allocated to repair Ifugao rice terraces

**BAOANG CITY**—The Department of Agriculture (DA) has allocated P30 million to repair the damaged rice terraces in the Ifugao province, which were severely damaged by unusually high rainfall, a topography official said on Monday.

Assistant Secretary Chito B. Alano, director of the DA's office of rice programs, said the money would be distributed evenly among the towns of Banaue, Sagada, and Sagada.

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to repair the terrace under the agency's cash for work and food for work programs, he said.

Another team of agricultural engineers and technicians is using its resources to work on the terrace, which would be administered by local farmers who work on the terrace.

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## For love of place, he plants bamboo

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# England's Rock rules Abu Dhabi golf; Woods two strokes behind

**ABU DHABI**—Rory McIlroy walked off with one of his best performances in the final round of the Abu Dhabi Golf Championship on Sunday, beating the field in a dramatic finish to win the title.

McIlroy, 25, finished on 270 to win the tournament, which was held at the Yas Viceroy Hotel. He was one stroke ahead of runner-up Ian Poulter, who finished on 271.

McIlroy's victory was a significant one for him, as it marked his first win on the European Tour since 2010. He also became the youngest player to win the tournament since it was first held in 2005.

McIlroy's performance was a testament to his skill and consistency. He shot a final-round 65, which was a career-low for him. He also set a tournament record with 11 birdies in his final round.

Woods, who was the defending champion, finished on 272. He was one stroke behind McIlroy in the final round. Woods had a strong start, leading the tournament for much of the week, but he was unable to hold onto the lead.



JAMES

# LeBron, Heat escape Bulls

**MILWAUKEE**—LeBron James scored 25 points and Dwyane Wade added 20 to lead the Miami Heat to a 101-94 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Sunday night.

James, 31, finished with 11 rebounds and six assists. Wade, 34, had 10 rebounds and four assists. The Heat's victory was their fourth in a row.

The Bulls, led by Derrick Rose, who scored 21 points, lost for the second time in three games. Rose had 11 rebounds and four assists.

The Heat's win was a significant one for them, as it marked their first win in the Eastern Conference Finals since 2006. They also became the first team to win the series in the first round since 1997.

The Bulls, who were the defending champions, were looking to make a statement in the playoffs. However, they were unable to do so on Sunday night.

# Lady Archers nail volleyball Final 4 edge

**By James W. Poy**

**DE LA SALLE**—The Lady Archers volleyball team is preparing for its final match in the 2011-2012 season. The team, which is coached by Coach [Name], is looking to win the championship.

The team has been very successful this season, winning all of its matches. They are currently ranked first in the conference.

The final match will be held on [Date] at [Location]. The Lady Archers will be facing [Opponent].



Heidi [Name] holds her trophy after her victory over [Opponent].

# Novak: I wanted Open title more

**MILWAUKEE**—Novak Djokovic said he wanted to win the Australian Open more than he wanted to win the Wimbledon title.

Djokovic, 27, won the Australian Open for the second time on Sunday. He defeated Andy Murray in the final.

Djokovic said that he was happy to win the title, but that he had wanted to win the Open title more. He said that he had been working hard to win the title, and that he was proud to have achieved it.

Djokovic's victory was a significant one for him, as it marked his first win in the Australian Open since 2008. He also became the first player to win the title in the first round since 1997.

The Wimbledon title, which Djokovic won in 2008, was a significant one for him as well. He said that he was proud to have won the title, but that he had wanted to win the Open title more.

The Lady Archers will be facing [Opponent] in the final match. The match will be held on [Date] at [Location].

The team is looking to win the championship, and they are confident that they can do so. They have been very successful this season, and they are looking to continue that success.

**By James W. Poy**

**ANDRES** Paul [Name] finished 30th in the 2011-2012 season. He was one stroke behind [Opponent].

Paul [Name] was a strong performer this season, winning several matches. He is looking to improve his performance in the future.

**mi** [Name] and [Name] were the winners of the [Tournament]. They won the title by defeating [Opponent].

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# P-Noy plays it tall, too tall

**PROBES** [Name] recently said he was not as tall as he is. He said that he was actually shorter than he looked.

[Name] is a well-known figure in the Philippines. He has been in the public eye for many years.

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# UST storms ahead in B-League battles

**Manila**—The University of Santo Tomas (UST) basketball team is leading the B-League. They are currently ranked first in the conference.

The team has been very successful this season, winning all of its matches. They are looking to win the championship.

**UST** is a well-known university in the Philippines. It has a long history of success in sports.

The basketball team is one of the most successful teams in the Philippines. They have won many championships.

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# The WORLD

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## Afghan couple, son guilty in 'honor slay'

### 3 sisters among 4 victims in case that shocked Canada

KINGSTON, Ontario—A jury on Sunday found three members of an Afghan family guilty of killing three teenage sisters and another woman in what the judge described as "cold blooded, shameful murders" resulting from a "twisted concept of honor," ending a case that shocked and riveted Canadians.

Prosecutors said the defendants allegedly killed the three teenage sisters because they dishonored the family by defying its disciplinary rules on dress, dating, smoking and using the Internet.

The jury took 11 hours to find Mohammad Shafia, 56, his wife Tameela Shafia, 42, and their son Hamid, 21, each guilty of four counts of first-degree murder. Five-degree murder carries an automatic life sentence with no chance of parole for 25 years.

After the verdict was read, the three defendants again declared their innocence in the killings of sisters Zahra, 19, Sa, 16, and Leila, 13, as well as their sister Ameerah, 22, Shafia's children first wife in a polygamous marriage.

Three bodies were found June 10, 2009, in a row submerged in a canal in Kingston, Ontario, where the family had stayed for the night as they were in transit from their home in Montreal from 10 agencies, Ontario.

The prosecution alleged it was a case of premeditated murder, staged to look like an accident after it was carried out. Prosecutors said the defendants drowned their victims elsewhere in the area, placed them



**'TWISTED CONCEPT OF HONOR'** Mohammad Shafia (front), his wife Tameela Mohammad Shafia (middle), and their son Hamid (back) in handcuffs in jail, 26 of the Probationary County Courthouse in Kingston, Ontario.

in the car and pushed it into the canal.

Ontario Superior Court Judge Robert Manning said the evidence clearly supported the conviction.

"It is difficult to conceive of a more heinous, more despicable, more barbaric crime," Manning said. "The apparent reason behind these cold-blooded, shameful murders was that the four completely innocent victims offended some deeply seated concept of honor—that has absolutely no place in any civilized society."

In a statement following the verdict, Canadian Justice Minister Stephen Harper said he was "deeply shocked and saddened" by the verdict, which he said was "a landmark case in Canada."

Defense lawyers said the deaths were accidental. They said the victim was accidentally

plunged into the canal after the eldest daughter, Zahra, took it for a joy ride with her sisters and her father's first wife. Zahra could be seen in the accident, although he didn't call police from the scene.

After the jury returned the verdict, Mohammad Shafia, speaking through a translator, said, "We are not returned, we are not innocent, we didn't commit the murder and this is a regret."

His weeping wife, Tameela, also declared the verdict unjust, saying, "I am not a murderer, and I am a mother, and this is a regret."

There was, Hamid, speaking in English said, "I did not know my sisters were murdered."

Hamid's lawyer, Patrick McGee, said he was disappointed with the verdict, but said his client would appeal and be brought back to court.

After the verdict, the three defendants would be held in custody.

But prosecutor Gerald Laframboise indicated the verdict. "This jury found that these three young women were murdered by their own family in the most heinous of circumstances," Laframboise said.

"This verdict sends a very clear message about our Canadian values and the core principles that we stand for as a society—that all Canadians enjoy and enjoy justice in Canada today," he said to cheers of approval from onlookers.

The family had left Afghanistan in 1993 and lived in Pakistan, Australia and Dubai before settling in Canada in 2007. Shafia, a wealthy businessman, married his wife for the first time with his two children. AP

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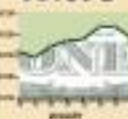
## BSP signals further cut in policy rates

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## Stocks down on profit-taking

THE LOCAL stock market fell on Monday, weighed down more by a sell-off on shares of Energy Development Corp. following reported delays in the rehabilitation of the geothermal power producer's Bataan Main-to-Sub Main plant.

The major index Philippine Stock Exchange Index (PSX) ended on 3,755 points or 0.75 percent lower at 43,075.40. The Dow Jones Industrial Average futures index was down 18 points.

Shares of EDC, the most actively traded company, fell 18 percent to P5.66 each. EDC confirmed reports that it has decided to "effect further repairs on defects that were detected during the commissioning period" of Bataan. It said these repairs would be completed within the third quarter.

Rod G. Manalo

## Move to counter lackluster growth in 2011

By Michelle K. Barro

THE BANGKO Sentral ng Pilipinas has signaled that it was open to another interest-rate cut should the external environment remain unfavorable to the country's growth prospects.

In a statement, BSP Governor Amado T. Tordesillas said the central bank would assess developments in the global economy and as long as inflationary pressure remained within manageable levels, the BSP would affirm to implement policies that help boost economic growth.

"The BSP will assess the growth prospects of our major trading partners and their impact on our own domestic growth and inflation dynamics. We (BSP) will continue to re-

tain that policy settings are appropriately commensurate of an inflationary growth," Tordesillas said.

Earlier this month, the BSP cut its key policy rates, which influence commercial interest rates, by 25 basis points. The move was aimed at boosting demand for loans, which supports spending, and stimulating growth in consumption and investment.

With the rate cut in January, the central bank's strategy

increasing and lending rates were raised at 4.25 and 6.25 percent, respectively.

The decision was made given the need to boost the economy following its lackluster performance in 2009.

The economy contracted in terms of gross domestic product, grew 3.7 percent last year, the government announced yesterday. This was lower than the official target of 4.5 to 5.5 percent, and was a sharp deceleration from the 7.6 percent registered in 2008. (See story on page A11.)

Last year's dismal growth was blamed partly on weak demand for Philippine exports as major markets—the United States and the euro zone—slid from sluggish growth and

debt problems.

Some economists said a 20-basis-point rate cut by the BSP might not be enough to help the economy achieve the government's growth target of 5.0 percent for this year.

Further interest rate reduction should spur domestic demand and counter the ill effects of income demand from abroad on the country's growth.

Although the US economy is seen to improve this year, the main issue is expected to continue suffering from its debt problems.

Tordesillas reaffirmed that in cases where demand from foreign buyers of Philippine-made goods remained weak, domestic demand should be boosted.

## Group laments 'paralysis' in gov't projects, programs

By Amy E. Barro

THE MANAGEMENT Association of the Philippines has urged the Aquino administration to guard against being "too cautious" to the point of not being able to move forward crucial programs and projects that would allow the country to realize its growth goals.

"While we support the strong monetary policy, there has been paralysis and it is time that the government should get some things

done. ACTION should help those in executing some projects and initiatives. It is important that the government must already get the ball rolling."

"We will encourage progress on loans and programs where urgently needed action has not been done. We will bring to the fore the critical need for political will, with greater accountability and transparency, in so what is right and important in moving our country forward," he said.

In an interview with reporters, Francisco stressed that the government must already get the ball rolling.

"We think we can regain back the momentum. We believe that the country can give more. The government has done a lot of the planning and the strategy to some are just waiting for the government to start [acting on them] already," he explained.

What's missing now, Francisco added, was

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# BPO sector sets sights on high-value services

Plans seek share of finance, creative services

By Mark M. Dela Cruz

MANILA, Philippines — The BPO sector is looking to move up the value chain by offering high-value services such as finance, creative and engineering services, according to industry leaders. The sector has been successful in attracting foreign investment and creating jobs, but it needs to diversify its offerings to remain competitive in the global market. Industry leaders are planning to invest in talent development and technology to support the transition to high-value services.

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peacefully joined her Creator,  
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brothers Augusto, Judge Pompeyo & Atty. Teodoro  
and sister Ambassador Julia on January 27, 2012 at the age of 97.

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Psalm 23:4

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San Antonio Village, Makati City 6:00 PM

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At Chapel St. Francis Park, Makati City

St. Augustine, Marikina, Marikina City 6:00 AM

San Pedro-Park, San Pedro Laguna 6:00 AM

St. Paul Parish Church, Marikina St. C., Canada 8:00 AM

St. Mary's Cathedral, Vancouver, B.C., Canada 8:00 PM

St. Francis of Assisi Church 12:00 PM

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St. Mary's Cathedral 3:00 PM

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His wife, Señora, Juliana Rosalinda Chery, nee de la Cruz, widow  
and grateful for the prayers and love in preparation for the eternal  
repose of his soul.

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peacefully joined her Creator  
on January 28, 2012 at the age of 71

Her loving husband Francisco Jr. "Beto", children Lou  
and Raimund Otto, and Leo and Theresa Arguillas,  
grandchildren Migs, Monica, Mark, Trina and Leo  
request your prayers for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Faith Chapel, St. John Bosco  
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Erectile dysfunction is not permanent. The condition can be cured with proper medication that is widely available.

# Confession of a man with Low 'EQ'

By Joel K. Nijou

**T**ell your friend a lie. If he keeps it secret, then tell him the truth." These proverbs are very apt to what recently happened between me and my best buddy, Emilio.

Emilio and I go a long way back. Okay not so long ago—only back in college. We can talk about anything and everything under the sun. No topic is too trivial, too personal or too sensitive. Everything is fair game between us. Well almost.

I noticed something is bothering my friend when he seems to be heading back on some of his anecdotes and stories. Not that he tells me intimate details about his relationship with his wife, but he seems to be avoiding the topic of intimacy and women. It's unusual because we used to have about sexy girls and our parents' bouts of jealousy and jealousy when we talk about our actresses.

Friends that we are, I, of course, asked him if something is bothering him. That's when the proverb I quoted about came into play. I got an evasive answer. Then a small lie and then finally the whole truth and nothing but the truth. The problem? Erectile dysfunction.

Emilio confided in me that he is no longer, or can no longer, enjoy and "natural" intimate moments with his wife for a long time already. Initially, I tried to lighten the mood about this admission from my friend. But it is no laughing matter, just as it is not something to be kept a secret or lied about particularly since it is taking its toll on his relationship with his wife, who even suspects that Emilio is feeling around because of the loss of intimacy between them.

Erectile dysfunction or the experience of having low erection quality (EQ) is the inability to attain or sustain erection to the point. To say that the inability to achieve or sustain an erection is strictly embarrassing or frustrating is a big understatement. For a man, a husband or



that, not able to perform his manly duties is a devastating thought—how much more as a condition. I cannot begin to imagine the frustration and fear that my friend is feeling. No wonder, he has been seeing doctors and ran his usual self.

#### Solvable Problem

Besides offering moral support, I also helped my friend to seek medical help about his condition because that's more logical and proper thing to do. After all, I also learned from well-meaning friends that low EQ is indeed a medical problem. There is no point in keeping this. The

sooner the problem is addressed, the sooner it will be solved. It is that simple. And low EQ is not permanent. The condition can be cured with proper medication that is widely available.

I also urged my friend to tell his wife about his medical condition. I told him that I read an article about some women like, not around or even seek divorce if the husband cannot perform his sexual obligations. I assured him that his wife will understand and that he has nothing to worry about since there is a solution to his problem.

Although there are lesser stigma now about sexually-related medical conditions, clinical studies made by the Mayo Clinic, Rochester in Rochester, Minnesota, and the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, Stanford University Medical Center, find that there are still barrier to seeking treatment of erectile dysfunction.

Men with low EQ feel a sense of loss of pleasure, of low self-esteem and inhibition, and a lack of self-worth, its feelings showed. They often perceive it also as a threat to their manhood. The relationship of EQ and depressive symptoms has been well documented. Depressive symptoms were reported by 54 percent of men with erectile dysfunction.

Looking back, I am glad that my friend did not have to go through depression. It's good I pointed out to him instead what was bothering him. His wife understood his predicament also and is very supportive in every way a wife should be.

#### Medication

Emilio has since consulted a physician who prescribed Andron, a brand of sildenafil taken at least 30 minutes before sexual activity. My friend told me that had he known that his low EQ can be addressed by a medicine like Andron, he would not have unnecessarily agonized about it. I reminded him that he should not have kept it a secret from his wife too!

Thankfully, our society is more open about these things. As a result, Filipinos have become more open-minded about sexual problems or conditions. The veil of stigma has been lifted. People are talking about it openly, even on Facebook and Twitter. I bet! The last time I saw Emilio, I know that he is back to his old, virile self. He continues taking medication which has helped him in restoring not only his sexual health, but also the marital bliss between him and his wife. All is well that ends well.





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INSIDE

Young band Bleu Rascals off to Memphis blues fest / D6



Butter goodness like no other

P20 lang



BMF Hugs with parents Regine and Ogie



WITH Hiding Judy

## Wardrobe war series shelved

DOLLY Wood is all set to host her Valentine's concert with with Regine Velasco Cruz on Feb. 14.

"We and Mrs. it will be our first full concert together after we got married and back-to-back," she says. "Our life story is different now as our songs in the show are based on the many wonderful and challenging sides of marriage." She has two daughters now. "We are all growing up in another country where I now live all this year," she reveals. "I sometimes wish I had been where I was younger, but for now in Dolly's perfect time."

Ogie need not worry about the generation gap. His unconventional love as a dad will surely find compassion for that. The bond between father and son knows no bounds.

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# Wardrobe

## Wardrobe

From page B1  
Wardrobe is the better  
if they don't change in  
to their clothes  
around to come up  
with a story about  
the "wardrobe".  
If and when Chris  
and Angelina show  
moderation, fashion  
may still be good  
ending. But "wardrobe".

## No star complex

John Appleton was  
the last actor to be  
last shooting day in  
"Twelve Angry Men".  
My Hollywood  
actors have to be  
complex, as all  
they're in costume  
doing. They show  
me to call them by  
their first names. I  
know they're  
the last person  
moderation and it  
is a gesture with  
scriptwriters. I feel  
like we're losing  
each other for a long  
time. No pressure in  
the set. Everyone is  
on one level across.  
My character is a  
first-class cop who  
isn't in a good way."

Booker by Holly  
wood, John  
I feel... wearing  
fashioning today.  
from page

HE HAS A SECRET TO REVEAL  
AND THE WHOLE CITY IS LISTENING

OPENS TODAY

SAM WORTHINGTON  
Star of "AVATAR" and "CLASH OF THE TITANS"

# MAN ON A LEDGE

GUILTY OR INNOCENT?

LIAM NEESON

# THE GREY

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Panel 1: Garfield is sitting on the couch, looking grumpy. Jon is standing next to him, looking at his watch.   
 Panel 2: Jon says, "Garfield, it's 10:00. Time to get up." Garfield looks up at him.   
 Panel 3: Garfield says, "I'm not getting up until I've had my nap." Jon looks at his watch again.

**FUGIO BARRY** BY TIM LARSON

Panel 1: Barry is in a car, looking out the window. A speech bubble says, "I'm not going to work today."   
 Panel 2: Barry is in a car, looking out the window. A speech bubble says, "I'm not going to work today."   
 Panel 3: Barry is in a car, looking out the window. A speech bubble says, "I'm not going to work today."

**LEONARD** BY ELIZABETH HOLLOWAY

Panel 1: Leonard is sitting on the couch, looking grumpy. A speech bubble says, "I'm not going to work today."   
 Panel 2: Leonard is sitting on the couch, looking grumpy. A speech bubble says, "I'm not going to work today."   
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**KID FRODO** BY STEVE KLEIN

Panel 1: Frodo is sitting on the couch, looking grumpy. A speech bubble says, "I'm not going to work today."   
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**HUTTS** BY TONY HODGSON

Panel 1: Hutts is sitting on the couch, looking grumpy. A speech bubble says, "I'm not going to work today."   
 Panel 2: Hutts is sitting on the couch, looking grumpy. A speech bubble says, "I'm not going to work today."   
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**DUSTY** BY NICK KATZ

Panel 1: Dusty is sitting on the couch, looking grumpy. A speech bubble says, "I'm not going to work today."   
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**CONCEPTS SU DOKU** BY DAVE GROSS

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## Memphis fest, here we come

By Pauline  
Cunningham

NOT too long ago, the United Nations' World Hunger Fund had, in Manila, a symposium about the role of the academy that must have a central role in the fight against hunger among the school system. We were back on top of the world as the heads of a host, prominent, Manila-based, like the Manila, which will represent the Philippines in the 2005 International Science Challenge (ISC), opening tomorrow in Shanghai, to receive

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The 10-year-old gambler, also diagnosed as autistic, said his hand was frozen in competing. "We will go there to enjoy ourselves and share our music," Lockwood told the crowd after nursing up the full house award during the launch of the Philippine Show in Cory (1993) at The Southwestern Museum. It was his first time to play in front of a crowd.

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A photograph of a man with dark hair, wearing a dark jacket over a light-colored shirt, playing a red electric guitar. He is looking down at the instrument. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a brick wall.

**EN LOFTO** joins at the launch of the Philippine News Society

A photograph of a man with dark hair, wearing a dark shirt, playing an acoustic guitar. He is standing in front of a brick wall with some framed pictures. The photo is slightly tilted and has a vintage feel.

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In joining the Arsenal three-tiered in Shanghai, which recently attracts more than 100,000 fans from the US, Europe and Asia, P&G hopes to accomplish three objectives: Put the Philippines on the world stage; make the most generation of Filipino businessmen, and give P&G a platform to change the country's image.

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